

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/550,705 (Now U.S. Patent No. 6,600,786), filed on April 17, 2000 entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Efficient Video Processing," which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/129,853, filed on April 17, 1999, and 60/129,854, filed on April 17, 1999.